IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY
WRIT PETITION NO : 6984 of 2006

Dated 1st September, 2006

Between
K.Gurunadham S/o Seshadri

… Petitioner

And

The Forest Range Officer,
Eturunagaram, Warangal District
and others.

… Respondents.

ORAL ORDER:

This writ petition is filed questioning the seizure of the DCM Van of the petitioner bearing No. AP 2OT 4473 on 24.3.2006. The said vehicle was seized on the ground that it was involved in the forest offence at Brahmanapally Check Post of Eturunagaram range. Pursuant to the report by the competent authority, proceedings were already initiated by the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer under the Forest Act.

As the petitioner did not make any application to the Forest officials for release of the vehicle, during the pendency of the writ petition, this court, by order dated 28.4.2006, permitted the petitioner to make a representation for release of the vehicle, and directed the competent authority to pass appropriate orders.

It is stated that consequent to the representation made by the petitioner, the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer has passed orders for release of the vehicle on furnishing bank guarantee for Rs.1,80,000/-. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the value of the vehicle is not more than Rs.1.00 lakh, and, the petitioner is not in a position to furnish bank guarantee.

In that view of the matter, I dispose of the writ petition directing the respondent-competent authority to pass appropriate final orders in confiscation proceedings within a period of six weeks from the date of the receipt of a copy of this order.

Subject to above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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1.9.2006 **(R.SUBHASH REDDY, J.)**

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